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Requirement for ████████████████

1. What are principal routes of journeys for Intourist visitors?
Are any new routes soon to be added, and if so, where?

2. What means of transport are generally employed on each of these
routes, i.e. what segments by rail, by highway, by air and by inland waterway?

3. Are visitors from western countries welcome on all of these routes?

4. How does Intourist operate with Soviet carriers?

   a. What classes of travel does Intourist handle?
   b. How far ahead are places reserved?
   c. Are reservations assigned in regular blocs on an advance
      basis?
   d. Does Intourist pay for reservations in advance?
   e. What happens when an Intourist reservation is not used?
      (i.e. who loses)?

5. Does Intourist make a charge on each tour or ticket? If so, how
much in percent? If not. on what funds does Intourist operate? Are tickets
sold to Intourist at a discount from regular rates?

6. If Intourist accepts foreign exchange at the rate of 10 rubles to
1 dollar, how are its dollar balances cleared into the dollar balances of
the USSR Central Bank? How much was earned in dollars up to 30 June, 1957 -
i.e. 1st half of '57 - approximate level? (What is amount hoped for,
for full year 1957)?

7. What are the opinions of Intourist as to the relative merit of
Soviet soft sleeping cars, and Soviet "International" cars?

8. Would air-conditioning be of benefit to USSR railroad travelers?

9. What proportion of Soviet passenger cars have roller bearings?
Are these mostly "soft" cars?

10. How is airplane travel affecting long distance rail patronage?

11. Is there much passenger travel for purposes other than pleasure or recreation on the inland waterways of the European USSR? If so, why do people choose this mode of travel?

12. What long distance bus or motor routes does Intourist patronize or sponsor?

13. In the USSR, what proportion of "soft" and "International" travel is on direct government account (as against individually paid fares for private travel)?

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